

EXPLANATION OF COMMISSION DETERMINATION ON ADEQUACY

in

Stainless Steel Wire Rod from Italy, Japan, Korea, Spain, Sweden, and Taiwan

Inv. No. 701-TA-373 (Review) and Invs. Nos. 731-TA-770-775 (Review)

On November 4, 2003, the Commission unanimously determined that it should proceed to full reviews in the subject five-year reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(5) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(5). The Commission, in consultation with the Department of Commerce, grouped these reviews because they involve similar domestic like products.¹

With regard to each of the reviews, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response to the notice of institution was adequate. The Commission received an adequate joint response with company specific data from Carpenter Technology Corporation and North American Stainless. Because the Commission received an adequate response from domestic producers accounting for a substantial percentage of U.S. production, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group response was adequate.

In the review concerning subject imports from Italy, the Commission received an adequate joint response with company-specific data from respondents Cogne Acciai Speciali S.R.L., an Italian producer and exporter, and Cogne Specialty Steel USA, an importer of the subject merchandise. Because the Commission received an adequate response representing a substantial percentage of the production of stainless steel wire rod in Italy, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response for Italy was adequate. Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to a full review in *Stainless Steel Wire Rod from Italy*.

In the review concerning subject imports from Korea, the Commission received adequate responses with company-specific data from respondents Changwon Specialty Steel Co., Ltd. and Dongbang Special Steel Co. Ltd., producers and exporters of the subject merchandise. Because the Commission received an adequate response representing a substantial percentage of the production of stainless steel wire rod in Korea and a substantial percentage of the exports of subject merchandise to the United States from Korea, the Commission determined that the respondent interested party group response for Korea was adequate. Accordingly, the Commission determined to proceed to a full review in *Stainless Steel Wire Rod from Korea*.

The Commission did not receive a response from any respondent interested parties in the reviews concerning subject imports from Japan, Spain, Sweden, and Taiwan. However, the Commission determined to conduct full reviews to promote administrative efficiency in light of the Commission's decision to conduct full reviews with respect to *Stainless Steel Wire Rod from Italy and Korea*.

¹See 19.U.S.C. § 1675(c)(5)(D).